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FOR SCHMIDT FROM EAGLEBURGER

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SUBJ: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. SINCE WORTZEL IS OFF ON A HIGHLY UNDESERVED VACATION, I
WILL TRY MY HAND AT ONE OF THESE.

2. WE ARE PLEASED THAT DARRYL IS PLEASED.

3. MAY THANKS FOR THE QUICK REPORT ON THE SECRETARY'S
MEETING WITH DJURANOVIC. I TALKED WITH HIM BRIEFLY AT
THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN; HE SEEMED PLEASED WITH THE
WAY THINGS HAD GONE AND QUITE EXCITED ABOUT THE
ROCKEFELLER DINNER. BY THE WAY, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
TOLD ME THAT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DJURANOVIC WERE "SUPERB."

4. HOW YOU COULD EVER BELIEVE THAT I WOULD CONSPIRE
WITH DJURANOVIC ON THE WORKING GROUP QUESTION IS
BEYOND ME. IN ANY EVENT, I WILL GET YOU SOME
SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO APPROACH THE YUGOSLAVS ON A FIRST
MEETING AS SOON AS I CAN TALK TO EVANS, IF I CAN EVER
FIND HIM. DITTO FOR THE OTHER ECONOMIC POINTS RAISED
IN YOUR MOST RECENT O-I.

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5. ON THE QUESTION OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS, YOU SHOULD
KNOW THAT I DO NOT REPEAT NOT THINK MUCH OF PLAYING
GAMES WITH A COUNTRY WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE MORE
DEPENDENT ON US. THUS THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
PARA 3 OF STATE 131504 ON OUR FALL-BACK POSITION
BOTHERS ME. I WOULD FAR PREFER TO TELL THE YUGOSLAVS

WHAT WE CAN GIVE THEM, EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS A MAJOR CONCESSION ON OUR PART, AND MAKE IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT WE CANNOT GO BEYOND THESE LEVELS. A NEGOTIATION THAT MAKES US LOOK LIKE A TURKISH RUG MERCHANT MAY BE THE WAY WE SHOULD APPROACH THE SOVIETS ON SALT; IT IS HARDLY THE WAY TO SETTLE THIS QUESTION. HAVING SAID ALL THIS I AM AT A LOSS AS TO HOW TO REACT, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE INFORMATION WAS CONTAINED IN AN O-I. ANY SUGGESTION?

6. WE AGREE NO BIRTHDAY MESSAGES, ETC., ARE NECESSARY.

7. FROM IRWIN PERNICK - LEASE PAPERS RECEIVED MAY 24, SIGNED AND RETURNED VIA THE DESK (ADDRESSED TO EITHER SAM OR DARRYL) IN THE MAY 25 CLASSIFIED POUCH. PRIVATE CABLE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO WIFE WITH THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE NOTIFY HER WHEN PAPERS ARRIVE. DESK'S ASSISTANCE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

8. RELAX FELLOWS; WORTZEL WILL BE BACK SOON.
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